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FOR ARA DEVINE AND COX

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOPEZ STATE VISIT; ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLANE ARRIVAL

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CALLED ME, AGITATED AGAIN, BECAUSE HE UNDERSTANDS WE ARE ROUTING COLOMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL PLANE ALL THE WAY TO WILLIAMSBURG. IT HAD BEEN GOC UNDERSTANDING (AS IT HAD BEEN MINE) THAT US WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING PARTY UP AT PORT OF ENTRY AND TAKING IT BACK TO PORT OF EXIT (SEE ALSO 1B BOGOTA 8261), AND GOC HAD BEEN PLANNING TO HAVE THEIR PLANE GO ONLY TO FT LAUDERDALE.

APPARENTLY, GOC IS RELUCTANT USE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE TO GO TO WILLIAMSBURG, PROBABLY FOR ECONOMY'S SAKE AS WELL AS UNFAMILIARITY WITH INTERNAL ROUTE. WHETHER THEY MISUNDERSTOOD TO BEGIN WITH OR NOT, THEY MAY ALSO THINK WE ARE SWITCHING SIGNALS. IN ANY CASE, THEY ARE EXERCISED AGAIN.

WHAT THE COLOMBIANS WOULD LIKE IS TO HAVE THEIR PLANE GO ONLY TO LAUDERDALE, BE PICKED UP THERE BY US TO WILLIAMSBURG, AND BE RETURNED AGAIN TO LAUDERDALE FROM NEW YORK.

2. WHEREVER THE CONFUSION STARTED, RATHER THAN ARGUE ABOUT WHO STOLE QUEEG'S STRAWBERRIES, I HOPE WE CAN ACCOMMODATE GOC REQUEST AND SETTLE THINGS DOWN. TURBAY WILL WISH TO TALK ABOUT THIS WITH AMB CATTO WHEN THEY MEET MONDAY, SEPT 8.

3. ADDING TO OUR TELCON SEPT 5, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TORRES WILL

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BE ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL MILITARY HOUSEHOLD,

COL JOSE GONZALEZ PRADO. HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO HIS WHITE HOUSE
COUNTERPART.
VAKY

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